

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated February 4, 2010.

Preliminarily, claim 2 and claim 1 have been objected to at the top of page 2 of the Office Action. Since these claims are not in the application, having been canceled, applicant assumed that the Examiner had different claims in mind and has amended claims 26 and 27 accordingly. However, since the present Office Action contains clerical errors and, strictly speaking, should be re-issued, it is suggested that if the next Office Action is not a Notice of Allowance, it should not be made a Final Rejection, in any event.

However, given the amendments to claims 26 and 27, it is believed that the objections have been overcome.

Substantively, claims 26-38, 40-49 and 51 are rejected on grounds of anticipation by Azarian (6,238,467). Claims 39 and 50 are stated to be obvious over Azarian, in view of Bottle (5,717,160). Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments to the claims herein and the following remarks.

As presently amended, the sole independent claim in the application, namely claim 26, recites a composite sheet comprising a first sheet having air permeability below a level of 13 Gurley seconds, and waterproofness and dustproofness above a level that satisfies IP65. Support for these amendments and an explanation of their benefits is found in the instant specification, including at page 3, lines 5-15. See also paragraphs [0010] and [0040] of the published version of this application for further support of the claimed features.

By the instant amendment, independent claim 26, directed to the composite sheet, as well as claim 30, directed to the closed type casing, and claim 41 directed to the closed type device, meet the objectives described in the specification for providing the sheath with the characteristics in independent claim 26 quite well. The advantageous effects and functions mentioned in the specification at page 9, line 28, to page 10, line 8 and at page 14, lines 3-9 are obtained. That is, when the composite sheet of the present invention is used for covering a ventilation hole formed in the closed type casing or device, a heat radiation effect is obtained, while the intrusion of rain

droplets or dust into the closed type casing is prevented by the composite sheet of the present invention. Similarly, the intrusion of corrosive gas into the closed type casing is prevented by the activated carbon, while enabling moisture control in the closed type casing to operate well, as mentioned in the specification, including at page 9, line 28 to page 10, line 8 and at page 14, lines 3 to 9. See also, paragraphs [0063], [0076] and [0078] of the published version of the application.


Turning to the references, the primary Azarian reference does not teach the above features of the present invention, as presently amended, and, therefore, the instant independent claim 26 and necessarily, therefore, all the remaining dependent claims in the application, cannot be stated to be anticipated by Azarian.

The secondary Bottle reference similarly does not teach the aforementioned features of the amended claims, whereby a combination of the primary and secondary reference does not provide the necessary teaching or suggestion to one skilled in the art to lead her or him to the precisely defined apparatus presented in the instant claims.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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